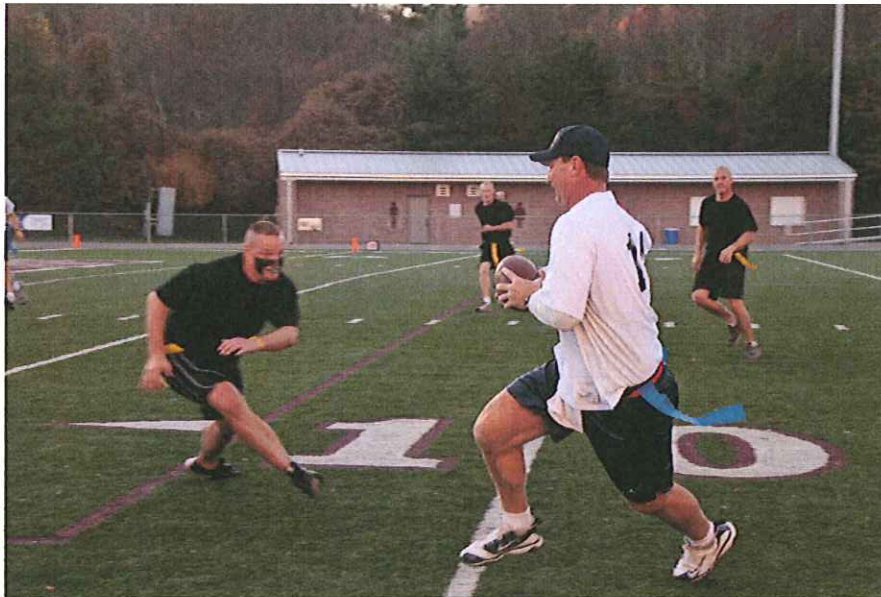




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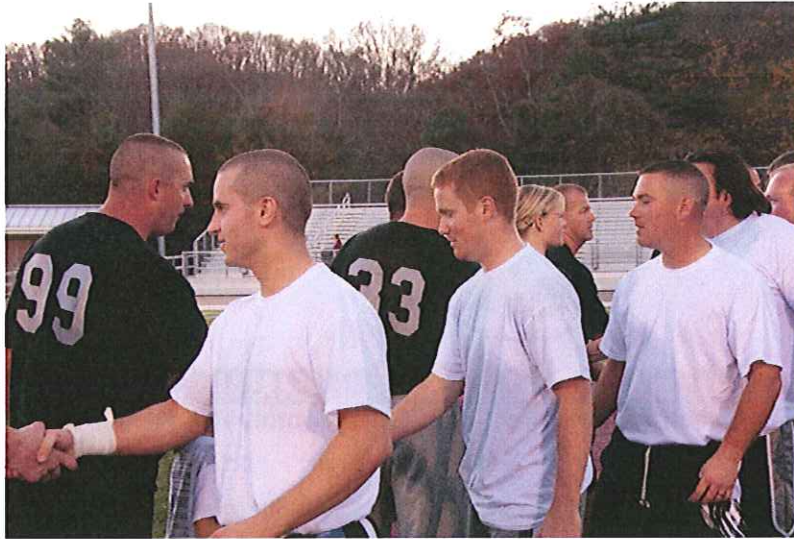
**Outreach/Actions/Nov. –Dec. 2009 Monthly Report**



*Former NFL quarterback Brad Johnson steered the Asheville Police in a charity football game at Owen High School against members of the state Highway Patrol, who were led by Rep. Heath Shuler. APD won, 46-38, and \$1,300 was raised for Eblen-Kimmel Charities.*



*APD Det. Mike Lamb and Officer Brett Maltby hold off members of the SHP.*



APD officers congratulate their SHP rivals on a good game.

## **Division/Unit Updates**

### **Support Services Division**

#### **Communications Unit:**

November Incoming Calls	17,505
YTD Total Incoming Calls	206,630*
November 911 Calls	2,379
YTD 911 Calls	28,511
November Calls for Service**	8,738
YTD Total Calls for Service	104,357

\*#s for May/June Corrected

\*\* Includes calls initiated by officers

December Incoming Calls	20,535
YTD Total Incoming Calls	227,166*
December 911 Calls	4,269
YTD 911 Calls	32,780
December Calls for Service**	8,542
YTD Total Calls for Service	111,899

\*#s for May/June Corrected

\*\* Includes calls initiated by officers

#### **Animal Services Unit:**

Nov. Calls for Service*	120
YTD Calls for Service	3,323
Nov. Tethering Calls **	30

\* Includes calls initiated by officers

\*\* Since ordinance adopted 9/22/09

Dec. Calls for Service*	216
YTD Calls for Service	3,539
Dec. Tethering Calls **	30

\* Includes calls initiated by officers

\*\* Since ordinance adopted 9/22/09

**November Animal Services Unit Revenue Summary:**

Revenue Type	# prior to count	Totals	# @ Fee Charged	Total Fees/Fines Assessed
Animals Impounded		30	8 @ \$60	\$480
Licenses Sold		60	60 @ \$10	\$600
Citations		9	9 @ \$50	\$450
Warnings		125	0	\$0
Unaltered Pet Offenses		27	27 @ \$200	\$5,400
Unaltered Permits Issued	280-280	0	0	\$0
Permits to Keep Animals		0	0	\$0
Traps Loaned		2	Deposit Only	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>				<b>\$6,930</b>

**December Animal Services Unit Revenue Summary:**

Revenue Type	# prior to count	Totals	# @ Fee Charged	Total Fees/Fines Assessed
Animals Impounded		33	9 @ \$60	\$540
Licenses Sold		705	705 @ \$10	\$7,050
Citations		11	11 @ \$50	\$550
Warnings		108	0	\$0
Unaltered Pet Offenses		11	11 @ \$200	\$2,200
Unaltered Permits Issued	299-280	19	19 @ \$100	\$1,900
Permits to Keep Animals		0	0	\$0
Traps Loaned		2	Deposit Only	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>				<b>\$12,240</b>

**Property Control Unit:**

November Incoming Phone Calls	83
New Property and/or Evidence Items Processed	739
YTD New Property and/or Evidence Items Processed	8,756
Prop. and/or Evidence Items Disbursed/Destroyed	373
YTD Prop. and/or Evidence Disbursed/Destroyed	5,255

December Incoming Phone Calls	89
New Property and/or Evidence Items Processed	729
YTD New Property and/or Evidence Items Processed	9,305
Prop. and/or Evidence Items Disbursed/Destroyed	1,648
YTD Prop. and/or Evidence Disbursed/Destroyed	6,903

**Criminal Investigations Division:**

<b>November</b>				
UCRtype	2007	2008	2009	pct change from 2008 to 2009
01 Homicide	2	0	0	NA
02 Rape	1	2	0	-100%
03 Robbery	14	18	16	-11%
04 Agg Assault	11	15	17	13%
05 Burglary	112	63	82	30%
06 Larceny	245	179	224	25%
07 Larceny of MV	17	23	25	9%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>21%</b>
Excludes Unfounded Cases				

<b>December</b>				
Crime counts exclude unfounded cases	2007	2008	2009	pct change from 2008 to 2009
01 Homicide	2			NA
02 Rape	1	2		-100%
03 Robbery	14	18	16	-11%
04 Agg Assault	11	15	17	13%
05 Burglary	112	63	82	30%
06 Larceny	245	179	224	25%
07 Larceny of MV	17	23	25	9%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Violent</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Property (ex Arson)</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>25%</b>

### Key arrests/investigations:

#### **Officer honored for work to help free captives**



ASHEVILLE – Asheville Police Officer Jordan Abrams was in November honored by representatives from the federal government for his part in freeing 20 people who were kidnapped and being held for ransom in Phoenix, Ariz.

Delbert Richburg, assistant special agent in charge with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, came to the APD to thank Officer Abrams in person, along with two other representatives from his agency.

On Sept. 22, Officer Abrams responded to a call for service from an Asheville resident. She said she had been getting calls for about two weeks from unknown individuals who claimed to be holding her father-in-law captive in Phoenix after he had been illegally smuggled from Mexico to the United States.

They demanded ransom and threatened to kill him if she didn't comply.

Instead of referring the woman to the Phoenix Police Department, Officer Abrams took the initiative to locate the closest Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office and find an after hours contact. Officer Abrams spoke with ICE and arranged for agents to meet with the woman to pursue a federal investigation of the report.

Acting on the information from Officer Abrams, ICE offices in Charlotte and Phoenix conducted a joint operation that resulted in the identification of a house in Phoenix where 20 people who had been smuggled into the United States were being held captive.

Seven suspects were arrested and are currently being prosecuted for various federal crimes. The investigation into the case is ongoing by ICE agents in Charlotte and Phoenix.

**Man arrested in shooting**

ASHEVILLE – Police have arrested a fugitive who was wanted in connection with a shooting last month Pisgah View Apartments.

Hernandez Jewel Finch Jr., birth date 7/22/1989, of Asheville, was taken into custody by police in Kansas City, Kan., where he had fled after the Nov. 7 shooting in which one man was injured.

Asheville police entered Mr. Finch's name into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and contacted Kansas City Police and media outlets for their assistance in locating him. He was extradited to Asheville and placed in the Buncombe County Detention Center Dec. 7 on the following charges:

- Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury
- Discharging a Weapon into Occupied Property
- Possession of a Firearm by a Felon
- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Bond was set at \$700,000.

The charges stem from the following incident: At about 2:40 a.m. on Nov. 7, APD West District officers were dispatched to Pisgah View Apartments in reference to a man who had been shot in front of the 27 building, next to his car. The victim, Rodriquez Demario Paul, birth date 9/7/1981, of Arden, was treated at Mission Hospital.

Mr. Paul and Mr. Finch and some of their friends had been involved in a fight earlier on the evening of Nov. 7 at the Happy Days club on Patton Avenue. The fight escalated when the groups met up again a few hours later at Pisgah View Apartments.

**Man arrested on 21 warrants**

ASHEVILLE - APD officers responded to a tip on Nov. 30 regarding wanted suspects who were at a residence in Pisgah View Apartments. Police subsequently arrested Patrick Bouvea Rice Jr., birth date 10/31/1986, of Asheville, on 21 warrants for crimes including Felony Breaking & Entering, Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell and Deliver Cocaine, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon. He was placed in the Detention Center under no bond. Also arrested on the tip was Patrick Rice's cousin, Daniel Jamal Rice, birth date 5/9/1988, on five felony warrants related to Breaking & Entering. He was given a \$15,000 bond.

## **Patrol Division**

### **Patrol Drug Charges/Seizures November:**

<b>Arrests:</b> 57 individuals charged 5 of the 57 are classified as dealers	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> 717 Dealers: 85	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Arrests</b> YTD: 331 Dealers: 43
<b>Drug Seizures:</b> 137 rocks of crack cocaine Street Value: \$2,055	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> 2,663 rocks Value: \$39,945	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 566 rocks Value: \$8,490
4.6 gr. powder cocaine Value: \$460	121.5 gr. Value: \$12,150	YTD: 2,825 gr. Value: \$282,500
659.5 gr. of marijuana Value: \$3,528	42,610.4 gr. Value: \$227,965	YTD: 12,561 gr. Value: \$67,204
00 gr. methamphetamine Value: \$00	12.1 gr. Value: \$1,210	YTD: 231.3 gr. Value: \$23,130
17 dosage units Ecstasy Value: \$425	131 units Value: \$3,275	YTD: 17 units Value: \$425
00 hits of LSD Value: \$00	80 hits Value: \$400	YTD: 4 hits Value: \$20
00 gr. hashish	9.6 gr. Value:	YTD: 50.7 gr. Value:
00 gr. heroin Value: \$00	1.2 gr. Value: \$600	YTD: 00 gr. Value: \$00
00 gr. psilocybin mushrooms	42.1 gr. \$4,210	YTD: 20.8 gr. Value: \$2,080
67 dosage units of morphine, Vicodin, Xanax or Methadone Value: \$670	1,552 units Value: \$15,520	YTD: 1,125 Value: \$11,250
<b>U.S. Currency Seized as Evidence:</b> \$160	\$68,999	YTD: \$33,729
<b>Weapons Seized:</b> 12 firearms	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> YTD: 121	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 72

**Patrol Drug Charges/Seizures December:**

<b>Arrests:</b> 46 individuals charged 6 of the 46 are classified as dealers	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> 717 Dealers: 85	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Arrests</b> YTD: 377 Dealers: 49
<b>Drug Seizures:</b> 29 rocks of crack cocaine Street Value: \$435	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> 2,663 rocks Value: \$39,945	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 595 rocks Value: \$8,925
1.9 gr. powder cocaine Value: \$190	121.5 gr. Value: \$12,150	YTD: 2,826.9 gr. Value: \$282,690
936.9 gr. of marijuana Value: \$5,012	42,610.4 gr. Value: \$227,965	YTD: 13,498 gr. Value: \$72,216
00 gr. methamphetamine Value: \$00	12.1 gr. Value: \$1,210	YTD: 231.3 gr. Value: \$23,130
1 dosage units Ecstasy Value: \$25	131 units Value: \$3,275	YTD: 18 units Value: \$450
3 hits of LSD Value: \$15	80 hits Value: \$400	YTD: 7 hits Value: \$35
00 gr. hashish	9.6 gr. Value:	YTD: 50.7 gr. Value:
00 gr. heroin Value: \$00	1.2 gr. Value: \$600	YTD: 00 gr. Value: \$00
34.7 gr. psilocybin mushrooms Value: \$3,470	42.1 gr. \$4,210	YTD: 55.5 gr. Value: \$5,550
122 dosage units of morphine, Vicodin, Xanax or Methadone Value: \$1,220	1,552 units Value: \$15,520	YTD: 1,247 Value: \$12,470
<b>U.S. Currency Seized as Evidence:</b> \$0	\$68,999	YTD: \$33,729
<b>Weapons Seized:</b> 6 firearms	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> YTD: 121	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 78

**Drug Suppression Unit/Criminal Investigative Unit**  
**Drug Charges/Seizures November:**

<b>Arrests:</b> 19 individuals charged 11 of the 19 are classified as dealers	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total:</b> 390 Dealers: 157	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Arrests</b> YTD: 144 Dealers: 76
<b>Drug Seizures:</b> 1,032 rocks of crack cocaine Street Value: \$15,480	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> 10,578 rocks Value: \$163,230	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 14,605 Value: \$219,075
79.2 gr. powder cocaine Value: \$7,920	3,160.3gr. Value: \$316.030	YTD: 502.5 gr. Value: \$50,250
407.2 gr. of marijuana Value: \$2,178	37,060 gr. Value: \$198,271	YTD: 14,117.2 gr. Value: \$75,527
0.9 gr. methamphetamine Value: \$90	10.9 gr. Value: \$1,090	YTD: 0.9 gr. Value: \$90
1 dosage units Ecstasy Value: \$25	11,191 units Value: \$279,775	YTD: 37 units Value: \$925
00 hits of LSD Value: \$00	1,777 hits Value: \$8,885	YTD: 13 hits Value: \$65
00 gr. hashish	24.1 gr. Value:	YTD: 6.5 gr. Value:
0.2 gr. heroin Value: \$100	3 gr. Value: \$1,500	YTD: 0.2 gr. Value: \$100
00 gr. psilocybin mushrooms	1, 177.6 gr. \$117,760	YTD: 81.5 gr. Value: \$8,150
428 units of morphine, Vicodin, Xanax or Methadone Value: \$4,280	2,438 units Value: \$24,380	YTD: 620 units Value: \$6,200
<b>U.S. Currency Seized as Evidence:</b> \$9,850	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total:</b> \$186,093	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: \$35,680
<b>Weapons Seized:</b> 2 firearms	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total:</b> 292	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 24

**Drug Suppression Unit/Criminal Investigative Unit**  
**Drug Charges/Seizures December:**

<b>Arrests:</b> 22 individuals charged 9 of the 22 are classified as dealers	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total:</b> 390 Dealers: 157	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Arrests</b> YTD: 166 Dealers: 85
<b>Drug Seizures:</b> 4,217 rocks of crack cocaine Street Value: \$63,255	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total</b> 10,578 rocks Value: \$163,230	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 18,822 Value: \$282,230
20. 6 gr. powder cocaine Value: \$2,060	3,160.3gr. Value: \$316.030	YTD: 523.1 gr. Value: \$52,310
1,892.6gr. of marijuana Value: \$10,125	37,060 gr. Value: \$198,271	YTD: 16,009.8 gr. Value: \$85,652
00 gr. methamphetamine Value: \$0	10.9 gr. Value: \$1,090	YTD: 0.9 gr. Value: \$90
00 dosage units Ecstasy Value: \$0	11,191 units Value: \$279,775	YTD: 37 units Value: \$925
00 hits of LSD Value: \$0	1,777 hits Value: \$8,885	YTD: 13 hits Value: \$65
00 gr. hashish	24.1 gr. Value:	YTD: 6.5 gr. Value:
6.1 gr. heroin Value: \$3,050	3 gr. Value: \$1,500	YTD: 6.3 gr. Value: \$3,150
30.5 gr. psilocybin mushrooms Value: \$3,050	1, 177.6 gr. \$117,760	YTD: 112 gr. Value: \$11,200
40 units of morphine, Vicodin, Xanax or Methadone Value: \$400	2,438 units Value: \$24,380	YTD: 660 units Value: \$6,600
<b>U.S. Currency Seized as Evidence:</b> \$2,818	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total:</b> \$186,093	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: \$38,498
<b>Weapons Seized:</b> 184 firearms	<b>07/01/08-06/30/09</b> <b>End-of-Year Total:</b> 292	<b>07/01/09-06/30/10</b> <b>Year-to-Date Seizures</b> YTD: 208

## OUTREACH

A sampling of community meetings/events attended by APD staff in November & December:



*Forensics Unit Supervisor Steve Branson explains the techniques and aspects of his job during a visit with an Emma Elementary class in November. Forensics Technicians are responsible for locating, collecting, preserving, and analyzing physical evidence at crime scenes ranging from vandalism and simple larceny to rape and homicide. In addition, the section is responsible for all of the department's latent fingerprint examinations, photography, videography, and evidence submission to the S.B.I. and F.B.I. laboratories.*

### **APD donates bikes to charity for Christmas**



ASHEVILLE – The Asheville Police Department on Dec. 19th donated 19 bicycles to Eblen-Kimmel Charities for needy children during the holiday season.

Pursuant to Chapter 650 of N.C. House Bill 2019, it is the APD's policy to donate unclaimed bicycles that have been in our possession for more than 60 days to qualified non-profit organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Revenue Code.

The APD holds this type of giveaway on an annual basis, rotating recipients among area non-profits.

### **Gang Task Force offers information to the community**

ASHEVILLE – Members of the Western Carolina Gang Task Force and the North Carolina Gang Investigators Association hosted an information booth on regional gangs on Nov. 14 at the Asheville Mall.

The NCGIA is an association of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals who are dedicated to the prevention of gangs and suppression of gang-related activity in North Carolina.

The Western Carolina Gang Task Force was formed earlier this year to consolidate regional gang investigators into a single office and to jointly combat the rise of gang-related activity in Asheville, Buncombe County and Henderson County.

#### **Other Outreach:**

- WECAN board meeting
- Burton Street community meeting
- Red Cross platelet donation
- Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup
- WECAN Garden Club

- Mountain Housing Opportunities board meeting
- Aston Park Community Board
- West Riverside Operation Weed & Seed executive & steering committees

### **Officer of the Month (November)**

#### **Officer Brian Anderson**

On Nov. 11, just after shift change, a 4-year-old and his mother were on Jeffress Avenue waiting to cross Hendersonville Road to get to the city bus stop. At the same time, a vehicle was driving north on Hendersonville Road. The child let go of his mother's hand and began to run across Hendersonville Road toward the bus stop. As the child entered the roadway, he was hit by the northbound vehicle. The driver had no time to react and was unable to see the child due to his dark clothing. Officer Brian Anderson arrived on and performed CPR on the child at personal risk to himself for several minutes until EMS arrived. The child was transported to Mission, but even though Officer Anderson's actions were gallant, his injuries were so serious that he did not survive.

Asheville Fire and Rescue Officers on scene, officers from the Traffic Safety Unit and other officers from around the department said Officer Anderson should be recognized for his actions, as well as for his humbleness and modesty regarding his actions. One AFR official wrote in an e-mail that, "This is very commendable of Officer Anderson and shows his character as a man and his dedication to the public as a police officer."

### **Employee of the Month (November)**

#### **Communications Director Cathey Trimnal**

For many months now, the Communications Unit has been planning to move from its current location in the Police side of the Municipal Building to the new location of the combined center at Erwin Hills. Cathey is being recognized for her leadership as well as for getting her hands dirty and physically moving equipment and material needed by the unit. She answered numerous questions put to her by telecommunicators, calmed anxieties and got the telecommunicators excited about this new chapter in their careers.

### **Officer of the Month (December)**

#### **Officer Mike McClanahan**

Using in-house crime analysis data, West District officers developed the modus operandi of suspects who had been burglarizing businesses that sell cigarettes. On Dec. 28, Officer McClanahan set up directed patrol and surveillance on the Cigarette Depot on Smoky Park Highway, which had been targeted twice before. Officer McClanahan was on scene when two suspects attempted to break in again and captured them while they were still inside the business. His actions saved this small business another estimated \$10,000 in property loss and damages, and also led to the solving of more than 20 prior Felony Breaking and Entering cases in Asheville, Buncombe County, and some surrounding jurisdictions.

### **Employee of the Month (December)**

#### **Communications Unit**

During the storms in late December, the Communications Unit encountered extreme staffing challenges. When more than one foot of snow had fallen, some telecommunicators were unable to get to work and those at the center were unable to get home. Six telecommunicators spent several days and nights at the center, sleeping on cots and eating whatever was available. Two other telecommunicators worked many extra hours during the storm. When other telecommunicators were able to "dig out," they came to work on scheduled days off so their colleagues who had been stranded could take some well-deserved time off. Everyone pulled together to get the job done even in the most extreme of circumstances.

**Other recognitions:**

-- Sgt. Chuck Sams commends Officer Scott Piper for his actions while responding to and investigating a hit-and-run motor vehicle crash on Nov. 1. Officer Piper was the first unit on the scene and due to his bilingual abilities was able to ascertain critical information about the suspect and vehicle. Officer Piper was able to relay to other responding officers the description of the suspect vehicle (make, model, color, and damage), possible driver's name and destination. A short time later, other Charlie District officers observed the suspect vehicle pulling into a local convenience store off Airport Road. The driver was arrested and charged with DWI (.21 BAC), Hit & Run Causing Personal Injury, Damage to Property, and Open Container.

"I believe Officer Piper should be commended for his professionalism, motivation, and determination in capturing this intoxicated driver who could have killed or injured other people after fleeing the scene," Sgt. Sams said.

-- Officer Kevin Skonieczny, Officer Ervin Hunter and Forensics Technician Lynn Fraser were commended by Acting Sgt. Jay Spinda for their actions on Nov. 30 when officers responded to Alabama Avenue on a report of suspicious persons picking up two duffle bags from the bushes. Officers determined that the residence had been burglarized. Officer Skonieczny remembered seeing a vehicle in the area previously and began to search for it. He found it on Westwood Place with four suspects inside. As Officers Skonieczny and Hunter approached, the suspects tried to drive off but were unsuccessful. Officers had witnesses come by and ID the suspects and items recovered. The investigation led the officers to a residence on Westwood Place where the rest of the stolen property (almost \$5,000 worth) was recovered. Forensics Technician Fraser handled the collecting and photographing of the large amount of property.

All suspects were transported to CID for interviews by detectives and appropriate charges assessed.

"All those involved should be commended for their excellent investigative skills and dogged determination which directly led to such a positive outcome," Acting Sgt. Spinda said.

-- Baker and Adam District B Team officers were commended for their hard work and persistence to bring a vehicle B&E spree to an end. Each officer invested at least four hours in the case. CID is handling the follow-up and we thank them for their time and effort as well. Thanks were also extended to Detective Yvonne Cobourn and ID Tech Leigh Killeen for their hard work and time invested.

-- The current Cadet Class 07-09 was commended by resident Ross Britton for what he calls giving him a "good and safe feeling" for jogging through his neighborhood while chanting cadences. "To know that these men and women are out there at 7a.m. training for the challenge of the job ahead is simply inspiring. I commend them for their commitment and courage."

-- Officer Christine Ludescher was commended in letter from Emil Lazich for the way she handled a traffic accident. Mr. Lazich wrote to compliment Officer Ludescher "on her professional handling of a rather difficult situation on a cold evening."

-- Det. Geoffrey Rollins and Animal Services Supervisor Brenda Sears were recognized by the Asheville Triathlon Club at their annual awards dinner. Awards went to the top five male finishers and the top five female finishers using a point system modeled after the North Carolina triathlon series. Det. Rollins was awarded the prize for first male and Supervisor Sears got the award for second female finisher in the Grand Prix.

-- Mr. Rick Miale e-mailed Chief Hogan to commend Officer Joe Bilbrey and Central District officers for their prompt response on Nov. 20, when Mr. Miale found a couple of people breaking into his car at work. He called APD, gave them a description of what happened as well as a good description of the suspects. Shortly thereafter APD was on the scene and had both

suspects in custody. Mr. Miale wrote: "All I can say is wow – amazing service. I'm not sure of all of the names but one of the guys was on his way home and heard the call so he came by. The other officer I dealt with (who did the report – Bilbrey, #2332) was very professional. The guy and the girl who decided to break into my car picked the wrong day to do it, that's for sure."

-- Baker District A-Team Night Shift, CID, Sgt. Rondell Lance and Forensics Tech Leigh Killeen were commended for their handling of two separate shooting incidents on Nov. 27. Both incidents and the follow-up investigations expended numerous man hours but were brought to successful closures.

-- Augment Officer Jackie Stepp and others were commended for their assistance to Buncombe County following a bank robbery in the Candler area.

-- Baker District Officer Robin Lunsford was commended for her actions on while responding to and investigating a domestic disturbance on Lynn Cove Road. The suspect assaulted Officer Lunsford and tried to take her baton and her handgun from her holster. A short time later assistance arrived and the suspect was eventually taken into custody following another physical struggle. Officer Lunsford required treatment at the hospital for her injuries. We are pleased to report she is recovering.

-- Detective Jeff Peterson was commended for his actions while interviewing the suspects who were apprehended in the act of robbing the cigarette store on Smoky Park Highway. Det. Peterson was able confessions from these suspects.

-- Charlie District CRO Evan Coward was commended for his actions leading to the arrest of a multiple offender for vehicle break-ins in the downtown and Biltmore Avenue areas.

-- Communications Director Cathey Trimnal was commended for her actions in collaborating with Toys-R-Us in providing classrooms at Eliada Home with toys and needed supplies for Christmas.

-- Sgt. Mack Creson and his Adam District Day Shift crew were commended for their efforts in solving a spree of Christmas shopliftings.

-- Detective Sean Aardema and the Charlie District B Team Night Shift were commended for their actions in identifying suspected armed robber Roy Lee Tyson III. Tyson was identified as the suspect in several robberies and attempted robberies.

-- DSU Day Shift was recently commended for their efforts and search warrant execution of a chronic drug problem on Buchanan Avenue.

-- Officer Travis Haralson was commended in a letter from Mr. Richard Burnette of Knoxville. Mr. Burnette was involved in an accident on I-240 in heavy traffic. "Without Officer Haralson's help, I do not know how I would have made it, helping an injured wife, get a rental car, get back to the hospital and to a hotel, where we could spend the night safe and warm."

